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REOUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed July 27, 2006 (Restriction/Election Requirement), Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a microarray of HLA Class 1 oligonucleotides.

In response to the Examiner's request for an election of species, Applicants elect HLA-B oligonuleotide probes identified as subgroup (ii).

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Response to Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 28, 2006

Office Communication dated July 27, 2006

This election is made with traverse, as Applicants believe that there would be no serious burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to search and review the full scope of the invention as claimed. With respect to the Office's additional requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect the species identified as subgroup (ii) HLA-B oligonucleotide probes. Again, the election is made with traverse. In particular, a search of the art associated with microarrays of HLA probes would likely not be a serious burden. Applicants further note that the Office had previously issued a first action on the merits. It is unclear what additional searching, if any, would be required at this time and be sufficient to warrant the present restriction requirement and election of species.

The Office has indicated, and Applicants confirm, that claims 1-5 and 9-11 are generic, and claims 6, 7 in part, and 8 correspond to the present election of HLA-B probes.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rejoin claims withdrawn by the Office in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for substantive review on the merits.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,

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